Report of Jaswant Singh Commission

83. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:
SHRI RASHEED MASOOD:
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are re-examining the issue of opening new High Court Benches in States like Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh in view of the recommendations made by the Jaswant Singh Commission;

(b) whether Government have received representations from various quarters requesting for the early implementation of Jaswant Singh Commission's recommendations in this regard and if so, what is Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether representations have been received also for the re-consideration of the aforesaid recommendations especially in regard to the location of the new benches and if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(d) by when the Government propose to establish a bench in the Chhattisgarh region of Madhya Pradesh as recommended by the aforementioned commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (d) The specific recommendations made by the Jaswant Singh Commission for setting up of Benches of the High Courts of Allahabad and Madhya Pradesh were referred to the Govts. of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh respectively for their comments and views. The Govt. of Uttar Pradesh in their reply have not given their definite views in the matter. The Govt. of Madhya Pradesh have not yet sent any reply.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Further action on the Commission's report would be taken only after receipt of definite views and proposals of the concerned State Govts. in the light of Commission's recommendations and representations from several Bar Associations and Public bodies. Further clarifications are to be made from Uttar Pradesh Government also.

Reforms in judicial system

84. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any reforms in the judicial system whereby the disputes of a minor and simple nature will get settled at the village or block level;

(b) if so, the details therefor and by when these reforms will be introduced in the country; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) Law Commission's 114th Report on this subject viz. Gram Nyayalaya has already been placed in both the Houses of Parliament. The Report has been forwarded for the views/comments of the State Governments and Union Territories with the request to furnish their views within two months and a final decision would be taken on receipt of their replies.

Foreign collaborations of BHEL

85. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the research and development effort in Bharat Heavy Electricals has been so ineffective and deplorable that BHEL has been going in for repeated collaborations for the same product for the last fifteen to twenty years;